GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:215
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GUIDELINES FOR THE TATKAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised the guidelines for the Tatkal Scheme for reservations;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the rationale therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the seats are made available to genuine passengers travelling in emergency?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.215 BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH AND SHRI SUBRATA BOSE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13/03/2008 REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE TATKAL SCHEME

(a) & (b): The Tatkal reservation system has been reviewed from time to time and the following modification has been made in this scheme recently: -

With a view to improve Tatkal utilization in those trains in which the utilization of Tatkal accommodation is less than 50% in sleeper class on an average for the whole financial year and to save the inconvenience to general wait listed passengers to go to reservation counter again to book berths under Tatkal scheme, instructions have been issued to Zonal Railways that wait listed passengers of such trains should be given an opportunity to opt for booking under Tatkal Quota (upto 50% of total Tatkal quota) at the time of buying their waitlist ticket itself. The reservation under this scheme will be confirmed only 5 days in advance excluding the day of the journey. This scheme has been introduced on an experimental basis for a period of six months.

(c): The scheme is not likely to affect the normal availability of Tatkal berths as the occupation level of Tatkal quota in trains covered under the scheme is below 50% and only 50% of Tatkal quota has been earmarked for waitlist passengers.